

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the Paragraph beginning on Pg. 1, Line 27 as follows:

The IP VPN solutions available today are cost effective because they are implemented on a shared network infrastructure. IP VPNs eliminate expensive leased line connections and long-distance dial-ups, reduce administrative overhead, and provide the flexibility needed to meet ever-changing network requirements. Extranet VPNs offer very definite cost and security benefits over alternatives.

Please amend the Paragraph beginning on Pg. 2, Line 24 as follows:

New generations of advanced IP applications are emerging that require the specific levels of QoS, access restrictions, data integrity, and group confidentiality that an IP VPN service can offer. These applications may be used for limited, pre-determined times by large and dynamic bases of subscribers. However, the concept of a limited-time IP VPN service, as well as an IP VPN service automatically being made available at a certain time, cannot be implemented using current networking technologies. Therefore, ISP network resources dedicated to the IP VPN service sit idle when the IP VPN is not in use.

Please amend the Paragraph beginning on Pg. 3, Line 31 as follows:

FIGURE 5 depicts an exemplary user interface screen adapted to a guaranteed bandwidth service;

Please amend the Paragraph beginning on Pg. 11, Line 21 as follows:

In one embodiment, the Enhanced Application Portal provides an interface with greater network management capabilities that would be accessed by ISP personnel. In other words, ISP network management personnel would access the same Enhanced Application Portal as ISP subscribers do. Based on their login credentials an RBAC authentication system instructs the Enhanced Application Portal to provide ISP network management personnel with additional management capabilities (e.g., management access to the entire ISP network) than those provided to the ISP subscriber. Therefore, the ISP is advantaged by only needing to deploy one IP VPN management system rather than a management system for their subscribers (possibly one

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management system per customer) and a separate management system for the ISP network management personnel.